

EXHIBIT 4

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INTERVIEW

OF

DEPUTY JOSHUA PATZER

RE: DAY V. CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW 2006-30

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1 DEP. PATZER: No.

2 INSP. MULLIGAN: Any military experience?

3 DEP. PATZER: I was in the marine corps for four
4 years active and four years reserve.

5 INSP. MULLIGAN: And today -- the incident happened
6 about 1:45 in the morning, what time did you go in to
7 work last night?

8 DEP. PATZER: I got there about 9:20 for lineup at
9 9:30.

10 INSP. MULLIGAN: And when was the last time you had
11 anything to sleep -- had been to sleep?

12 DEP. PATZER: I left work, dayshift, we got off
13 about 3:10, went to my mother's house in Vallejo and
14 slept till, about 8:45 the alarm went off.

15 INSP. MULLIGAN: And then you went to work. What
16 kind of uniform were you wearing?

17 DEP. PATZER: Full sheriff's uniform, short sleeve
18 shirt, khaki, badge, nameplate, full duty leather, black
19 boots and tan pants.

20 INSP. MULLIGAN: And then your partner tonight, you
21 said was Officer --

22 DEP. PATZER: Deputy Boehrер.

23 INSP. MULLIGAN: -- Boehrер. How long have you
24 guys known each other?

25 DEP. PATZER: We were in the academy together.

1 DEP. PATZER: I fall down to my knees. And he kind
2 of falls not all the way down but he's like half the
3 size he is now, kind of --

4 INSP. MULLIGAN: Right.

5 DEP. PATZER: -- scrunched. I lost my light. And
6 we're kind of three feet inside the gate now when we're
7 all said and done. I reach down with my left hand to
8 try to pick up my light 'cause it's pitch black. I
9 can't see my hand.

10 INSP. MULLIGAN: And the suspect at that time, you
11 said he was partially down. Does it sound like he's
12 crouching, or is he just responding to the --

13 DEP. PATZER: Responding to the fall, trying to
14 catch himself. As I'm reaching for the flashlight and
15 holding his shirt, he starts to stand up. So I start to
16 come up, and next thing I know I got hit and my hand
17 kind of pulled him further in front of me.

18 INSP. MULLIGAN: And what did you get hit with?

19 DEP. PATZER: I can't, I didn't see what it was.

20 INSP. MULLIGAN: Where did you get hit?

21 DEP. PATZER: In the head area.

22 DETECTIVE: Did it feel like a fist?

23 DEP. PATZER: It felt like a solid box or punch,
24 but I can't be sure 'cause I couldn't see anything. And
25 I was looking for a light and still trying to hold him.

1 He had put me back on my heels.

2 INSP. MULLIGAN: And you get hit on -- you're
3 pointing to the left side of your head?

4 DEP. PATZER: Yeah.

5 INSP. MULLIGAN: And you think it was the suspect
6 who hit you, do you think you might have banged your
7 head on the --

8 DEP. PATZER: No, I think he hit me, 'cause next
9 thing I knew when I let go and then I went to grab him
10 again, he was facing me at that point and pushing me
11 back.

12 INSP. MULLIGAN: So he hits you in the head. You
13 can feel obviously, it sounds like it's a solid fist.
14 And now he's facing you?

15 DEP. PATZER: Yeah. Well, I grabbed the shirt,
16 thinking he might be -- after he hit me, I thought he
17 would run. So trying to prevent him from fleeing, I
18 thought I was grabbing the back of him. Once I grabbed
19 on to him, I could feel his arms facing me, swinging at
20 me. So I brought my shoulders up.

21 DETECTIVE: So he's still swinging punches at you.

22 DEP. PATZER: Yeah, and pushing me back into the
23 garbage pile of stuff.

24 DETECTIVE: Is he pretty strong?

25 DEP. PATZER: Yeah, he felt like -- as we were

1 INSP. MULLIGAN: So you guys are still on your
2 feet, though.

3 DEP. PATZER: I'm starting to lose my footing on
4 the rubble and the plastic stuff back there.

5 I stand up and we're face to face again. And at
6 this point he comes at me again in a fighting stance,
7 keeps aggressing towards me. So I go to push him back
8 and I slip again. And my arm goes down into this pile
9 of rubble.

10 And finally I get my footing enough to where I just
11 push him with all I have to get him away from me. I
12 don't grab him. I just make a fist and put my left arm
13 up right to his midsection, push him away.

14 And as I do that, I start to stand up, take a step
15 back, put my hand on my pistol. And that's when
16 something hits me from behind. And he grabs, comes at
17 me again. I pull out my pistol. I grab to hold onto
18 him and I fire one round.

19 And then I can feel that there's no pressure on my
20 hand anymore. He's basically gone.

21 I can see where the, my illumination from my
22 flashlight. I moved the plastic bag that's on it and
23 grab it, try to see who's behind me. And there's an air
24 conditioner in the window, and I'm assuming that's what
25 I hit.

1 too.

2 DEP. PATZER: I couldn't see anything. My feet
3 never had a firm setting on anything back there.

4 When I finally did get the light, I had to move a
5 bike and like eight bags just to let people through the
6 gate that we fell through.

7 DETECTIVE: Had all kinds of garbage and junk out
8 there?

9 DEP. PATZER: I know I moved a slide and a bike and
10 a bunch of garbage bags.

11 DETECTIVE: Okay.

12 DEP. PATZER: Yeah.

13 INSP. MULLIGAN: Now, when the shooting -- let's
14 just try to freeze frame that -- are you on your,
15 standing up, or are you actually down so you're in a
16 crouching position? What would be the best way to
17 describe that?

18 DEP. PATZER: I was crouching. I felt something
19 from behind so I ducked down thinking if they're gonna
20 hit me they're gonna swing high, 'cause they can't see
21 either.

22 And I pulled out my weapon and I was crouched like
23 this. And he came back at me, and I fired one shot.

24 DETECTIVE: Crouched, were you still on one knee or
25 just bent down?

1 DEP. PATZER: Yeah. No, he -- I pulled my gun out
2 to retention and held it in tight, 'cause the last I
3 felt he wasn't far enough away from me to put my arms
4 out, 'cause I'd still have to push him away.

5 As soon as I got my gun here, he comes at me again
6 and I start to lose balance again. And I fire one shot
7 and then the pressure's off my arm.

8 DETECTIVE: So he's driving you backwards as the
9 round goes off?

10 DEP. PATZER: As I go off, he's still pushing me
11 back. I'm not like falling over tilting, but I'm having
12 to walk backwards.

13 Then I fire one round basically point shooting at
14 center silhouette, whatever I have and he -- there's no
15 pressure there.

16 I look around to see who's behind me. I can't see
17 anything but I see the light.

18 INSP. MULLIGAN: Okay.

19 DEP. PATZER: So I pick the garbage bag up. I can
20 see, grab the light. I see the air conditioning. And
21 then I see him on the ground.

22 INSP. MULLIGAN: And the lighting there, except for
23 your flashlight, so -- we're assuming that when you're
24 going towards the suspect, you're going in a northbound
25 direction pretty much, would that be safe to say? And

1 Sheriff's Office, stop resisting.

2 INSP. MULLIGAN: Okay. And did you do that during
3 this one, do you recall?

4 DEP. PATZER: Yes.

5 INSP. MULLIGAN: Okay. Any idea how many times you
6 told him that?

7 DEP. PATZER: I don't know exactly. I'd say about
8 five.

9 INSP. MULLIGAN: Okay. And he continued to advance
10 on you and continued to struggle?

11 DEP. PATZER: Yes.

12 INSP. MULLIGAN: And the way you described your
13 encounter with him, it sounds like he probably punched
14 you in the head once. Were there any other blows that
15 you're aware of, or was it pretty much him pushing you
16 away, trying to advance on you?

17 DEP. PATZER: There was no other punches that were
18 quite as solid, straight --

19 INSP. MULLIGAN: Right.

20 DEP. PATZER: -- hits. The rest were kind of like
21 glances. He was just swinging at me, and I was able to
22 duck and move, so they were just like glancing blows. I
23 could feel his arms skipping by my head. But they, none
24 of them connected like the first one.

25 INSP. MULLIGAN: And then immediately after the

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